

Prevention and Life Safety

Mission:

Minimize pain, suffering, and loss through public education, life safety engineering, code enforcement, as well as fire investigations.

Goals:

- Enforce State and local laws, codes and ordinances pertaining to fire and life safety.
- Conduct plan reviews and routine fire inspection of commercial and public buildings; prepare pre-plans of commercial/public buildings in the County.
- Provide public fire education.
- Respond in a timely, efficient and effective manner to requests for fire prevention and life safety services and information.
- Develop and deliver effective, audience appropriate fire/injury prevention, and life safety public-education programs.
- Conduct investigations of arson and fires of unknown or suspicious origin.
- Provide fire/injury prevention and life safety education programs to the County's fourth grade school children.
- Provide intervention and direction for children identified as juvenile fire setters, and their parents.
- Oversee public compliance with Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act Title III.
- Coordinate HazMat operations for emergency response.

Implementation Strategies for FY2003:

- Integrate designated fire and rescue shift personnel into specific inspection and investigation needs.
- Adjust the SAFE (Students Applying Fire Education) Club program in the county school division from the 4th grade to the 4th and 5th grade to accommodate changes related to Standards of Learning.
- Ensure further provision of fire and life safety education programs to senior citizens and other adult groups.

Budget Issues:

- In FY2002, the decrease in the budget was due to the reassignment of responsibility of various activities to Fire and Rescue Operations.
- For FY2003, additional funding is requested for new radio equipment for a replacement vehicle.

| General Fund Expenditures | FY1999 Actual Expenditures | FY2000 Actual Expenditures | FY2001 Actual Expenditures | FY2002 Original Budget | FY2002 Expected Appropriations | FY2003 Proposed Budget |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 30323 Prevention & Life Safety | | | | | | |
| Personnel Services | 168,658 | 172,998 | 180,379 | 186,528 | 186,528 | 190,084 |
| Contractual Services | 431 | 1,130 | 634 | 900 | 900 | 900 |
| Internal Services | 14,851 | 18,871 | 20,016 | 16,800 | 16,800 | 21,690 |
| Other Charges | 1,630 | 1,982 | 1,742 | 2,950 | 2,950 | 3,180 |
| Materials & Supplies | 6,414 | 7,959 | 9,391 | 8,630 | 8,630 | 8,350 |
| Capital Outlay | - | 2,708 | - | - | - | 5,000 |
| Activity Total | <u>191,984</u> | <u>205,648</u> | <u>212,162</u> | <u>215,808</u> | <u>215,808</u> | <u>229,204</u> |
| Percentage Change | 4.74% | 7.12% | 3.17% | 1.72% | N/A | 6.21% |

FTE's

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|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Management | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Professional/Technical | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| Admin/Clerical | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Specialized Safety | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | <u>3.00</u> | <u>3.00</u> | <u>3.00</u> | <u>3.00</u> | <u>3.00</u> | <u>3.00</u> |

